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Special Act No. 05-12

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Public Health shall establish an ad hoc committee for the purpose of assisting the commissioner in examining and evaluating the definition of "podiatric medicine" in section 20-50 of the general statutes. The committee shall hold its first meeting not later than July 15, 2005. The committee shall focus on examining and evaluating possible statutory changes that would (1) revise the definition of "podiatric medicine" to include the diagnosis and treatment of ailments of the ankle, and (2) improve access to podiatric care. Other topics may be included at the discretion of the commissioner.

(b) (1) The ad hoc committee shall consist of eight members appointed by the commissioner (A) two of whom shall be employees of the Department of Public Health, (B) three of whom shall be podiatrists recommended by the Connecticut Podiatric Medical Association, one who works in private practice, one who works in the public sector and one who is an educator, and (C) three of whom shall be orthopedists, two who shall be recommended by the Connecticut Orthopedic Society and one who shall be recommended by the Connecticut Medical Society. The Commissioner of Public Health, or

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the commissioner's designee, shall be an ex-officio member with full voting rights.

(2) The Commissioner of Public Health may expand the membership of the ad hoc committee to include representatives from related fields if the commissioner decides such expansion would be useful.

(c) On or before February 1, 2006, the Commissioner of Public Health shall submit, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, the results of the examination, with specific recommendations for any necessary statutory changes, to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health.

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